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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETEL, PFOR, US, GW
SUBJECT: RFE/RL

REFS: (A) STATE 014697; (B) STATE 016738

1. DURING A JANUARY 24 CALL ON THE FOREIGN OFFICE
OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR RFE/RL (BAUCH) WE REFERRED
TO THE BIB AUTHORIZATION HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR
FEBRUARY 16 AND NOTED THE LIKELIHOOD THAT A QUESTION
MIGHT BE RAISED REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE HOLZKIRCHEN
REQUEST (REF A). BAUCH SAID IT WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY
THAT THE FRG WOULD REACH A DECISION ON THE REQUEST
BY THAT DATE.

2. BAUCH TOLD US THAT FOREIGN OFFICE/POSTAL MINISTRY
WORKING-LEVEL DELIBERATIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE
CONCLUDED WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS. SENIOR-LEVEL
ACTION WOULD THEN BE REQUIRED BEFORE A FOREIGN OFFICE
RECOMMENDATION (WHICH BAUCH STILL EXPECTED TO BE
FAVORABLE) COULD BE MADE TO THE CHANCELLERY. BAUCH
WOULD NOT PREDICT WHEN THE CHANCELLERY WOULD REACH A
FINAL DECISION ON HOLZKIRCHEN.

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3. ACCORDING TO BAUCH, CONSIDERATION OF THE
REQUEST FOR A NEW LICENSE TO COVER THE AMALGAMATION
OF RFE/RL WAS NOW IN THE FINAL STAGES. IT WAS LIKELY
THAT THE POSTAL MINISTRY WOULD SOON COMMUNICATE
APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST TO RFE/RL. THIS NOTIFICATION
WOULD BE IN THE FORM OF A LETTER WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A

RESERVATION CLAUSE (VORBEHALT) GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF THE RADIOS IN THE FRG. IN ADDITION TO BEING BASED ON THE 1955 RFE AND RL LETTERS TO THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE, THE CLAUSE WOULD INCLUDE ELEMENTS OF THE LAW ESTABLISHING DEUTSCHLAND FUNK AND THE DEUTSCHE WELLE, AND A NEW FORMULATION CONCERNING FRG ACCESS TO BROADCAST TAPES. THIS WAS THE FIRST INDICATION WE HAVE HAD THAT THE RESERVATION CLAUSE WOULD BE BASED ON SOMETHING BEYOND THE 1955 LETTERS.

4. WE ALSO TOOK THIS OCCASION TO BRIEF BAUCH ON THE BIB'S OFFER OF A RIGHT OF REPLY TO RFE/RL BROADCASTS (REF B). HIS PRELIMINARY REACTION WAS THAT THIS WAS A POSITIVE STEP WHICH, WHILE IT MIGHT NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE EASTERN EUROPEANS, WOULD BE NONETHELESS WELCOMED WITHIN THE FOREIGN OFFICE. STOESEL

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